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Yukon Government to Consult on Animal Protection Act

WHITEHORSE - The Yukon government is asking Yukoners to comment on proposed amendments to the *Animal Protection Act*, Community Services Minister Glenn Hart announced today.

"The proposed amendments aim to make the legislation clearer and easier to enforce, as well as to encourage compliance with the act," Hart said. "Yukoners have told us this is an important piece of legislation and we are seeking their feedback on proposed amendments to make it better."

The *Animal Protection Act* provides protection for the welfare of domestic animals in Yukon. The Yukon government will be holding a territory-wide consultation on the act April 21 to May 23.

The Yukon government commissioned an independent review of the act in 2006 to assess the effectiveness of the legislation. The study revealed that while the act was basically sound, there was potential to improve it.

Representatives from the Yukon government will visit communities in April and May to consult with interested residents and groups.

Information on the *Animal Protection Act* consultation can be found online and feedback submitted at ***www.community.gov.yk.ca*** until

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May 23. Information is also available at the reception desk of the Yukon Government Administration Building.

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